(c) what is the estimated loss incurred by SAIL during the last six months at Kanpur and Delhi due to poor performance of the handling agents?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL ANDi MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN): (a) Steel Authority of India Ltd., has not suffered any financial loss at Kanpur/! Delhi Stockyard due to poor performance of the present handling contractors.

(h) and (c) Do not arise.

लाइसेंस-शुदा औद्योगिक घरानों द्वारा निर्यात

928. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन औद्योगिक घरानों ने, जिन्हें सरकार ने इस शर्त पर आयात लाइसेंस दिये थे कि वे अपने उत्पादन का एक भाग निर्यात करेंगे, पिछले दो वर्षों और चालू वर्ष के दौरान उस निर्दिष्ट शर्त को पूरा किया है ;

(ख) पिछले पांच वर्षों में उपर्युक्त घरानों में से प्रत्येक को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि की आयात सुविधा प्रदान की गई थी तथा उनके द्वारा निर्यात किए गए माल और उसके मूल्य का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उन घरानों के, जिन्होंने निर्धारित शर्त को पूरा नहीं किया है, आयात लाइसेंस/परमिट रद्द कर दिये हैं, यदि हां, तो उन औद्योगिक घरानों के नाम क्या हैं और उनके लाइसेंस/परमिट को कब रद्द किया गया था तथा यदि ऐसे घरानों के विरुद्ध ऐसी कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शांतिलाल पुरुषोत्तमदास पटेल) : (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित जानकारी क्षेत्रीय लाइसेंसिंग प्राधिकारियों से एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होने पर उसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा ।

Revenue Secretary's comments on the functioning of tax departments

929. SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABH-SHANKER BHATT: Will tie Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri R. L. Mishra, Revenue Secretary, while addressing the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90 commented that the tax department was a non-Plan head, and that there was always a gap between the department's needs and the real allocation for the department by Govern-_ ment and also under lined the need to evolve an Action Plan for the welfare of tax officials; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVI-JAY SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Shri R. L. Mishra, formerly Secretary (Revenue) had addressed the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90. No official record of thi$_s$ con-, vention has been kept as it was not an official function.

Objectives of Rasbtriya Grantin Vikas Nigam

930. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be plea sed to state:

(a) what are the objectives, functions, financial|promotionai services, etc, of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam Promoted by IFCI;

(b) what forms of financial assistance are being offered by the institution cate gory-wise; and

(c) what are the names and addresses of the authorities |offices of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam, region-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DlGVI-JAY SINGH): (a) Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam, sponsored by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has been set up as a society at Guwahati, Assam on the 20th April, 1990 under the Societies Registration Act) i860. RGVN is a non-profit making organisation set up mainly for the purpose of promoting, supporting and developing voluntary organisations engaged in the social and economic uplift ment of the rural and urban poor, and physically and socio-economi-cally handicapped persons.

RGVN's operating strategy is to identify grass-root agencies in the North-East, assess their work, and develop action plans and programmes to strengthen their operations through technical financial and managerial support. The aim is ultimately to help the Voluntary Agencies to take up totaj development programmes related to the upgradation of the quality of life of the target population. The entry point is via income-generating activities such as animal (husbandry, agriculture, weaving, spinning, handicrafts etc

To begin with RGVN has strated providing funds support for carrying out or improving the income generating activities of th(! existing voluntary agencies in the North-Eastern Region which possessed the potential for productive growth and diversification.

(b) RGVN provides assistance to the eligible voluntary agencies in any one or both of the following forms:

—Grunt for fixed capital investment! working capital requirement.

—Interest-free term loans for capital investment with service charge of 6 per cent p. a.

(c) RGVN has been operating from its office at Rajgarh Road, Guwahati only. Its Board consists of 13 Members including its Executive Director. Prof. Rahul Bhimjiani is the (Executive Director of RGVN looking after its day-to-day operations and assisted by a nucleus group of multi-disciplinary professionals with **a** track record of professional competence. Shri S M. Palia is the Chairman of RGVN.

Risk Capital and Technology Corporation Ltd.

931. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(aj whether Risk Capital and Technology Corporation Ltd. sponsored by IFCI formulated scheme of technology finance and development of small sector to promote initiatives in such areas where the availability of conventional finance for them is generally restricted;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be i_n the affirmative, what are the names of the projects|items for which RCTC extended financial packages|assistance under this scheme to small sector and the names and addresses of the beneficiaries and the amount sanctioned, project-wise- and

(c) what are the norms and attractive terms laid down by the RCTC for financial assistance for such ventures[pro]ects in the small sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG-VIJAY SINGH); (a) to (c) The Risk Capita) and Technology Finance Corporation Ltd. has formulated a schema of Technology Finance and Development for commercialisation of technology efforts. This scheme is not restricted to the small scale sector. The scheme is intended to